GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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INTRODUCTION OF SHIPPING SERVICES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Shipping Service at concessional rates from India to Gulf countries and vice versa for the benefit of low paid workers ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government of India per se do not operate Shipping services.Shipping services are operated by various Shipping Companies/Ship owners who can operate such services as per the rule requirements for passengers and ship safety as provided in [Merchant Shipping (Construction and Survey of Passenger Ships) Rules, 1981] as well as international rules.To operate a shipping service is a commercial decision, resting with the operators and subject to market forces. In fact, the Shipping services which were operated by a private operator in this sector, have also been discontinued due to commercial considerations.